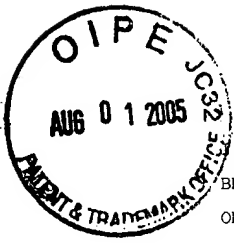


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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 3, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-20 in the above-identified patent application.

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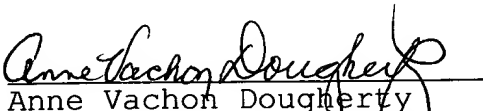
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